



## ESSAY

Time — 25 minutes

**Turn to Section 1 of your answer sheet to write your ESSAY.**

The essay gives you an opportunity to show how effectively you can develop and express ideas. You should, therefore, take care to develop your point of view, present your ideas logically and clearly, and use language precisely.

Your essay must be written on the lines provided on your answer sheet—you will receive no other paper on which to write. You will have enough space if you write on every line, avoid wide margins, and keep your handwriting to a reasonable size. Remember that people who are not familiar with your handwriting will read what you write. Try to write or print so that what you are writing is legible to those readers.

You have twenty-five minutes to write an essay on the topic assigned below. **DO NOT WRITE ON ANOTHER TOPIC. AN OFF-TOPIC ESSAY WILL RECEIVE A SCORE OF ZERO.**

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends [the natural rights of men], it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

The Declaration of Independence

**Assignment:** Does questioning authority make a society stronger? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**DO NOT WRITE YOUR ESSAY IN YOUR TEST BOOK.** You will receive credit only for what you write on your answer sheet.

**BEGIN WRITING YOUR ESSAY IN SECTION 1 OF THE ANSWER SHEET.**

**If you finish before time is called, you may check your work on this section only.  
Do not turn to any other section in the test.**